

WIGGINS LAKE LEVEL AUTHORITY BOARD
Held at Sage Township Hall
May 17, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mike Rajt at 6:59pm.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mike Rajt

Present: Ron Taylor in Gladwin, Terry Walters in Gladwin, Mike Rajt in Gladwin, Lucy Zeestraten in Gladwin

Present remotely: Rick Dvorak in Florida

Absent: Renee Zelt

Motion to approve minutes of September 21, 2021, by Terry Walters and seconded by Ron Taylor

Additions to Agenda: Add Dam Operations Manager and 2022 Budget

Correspondence: DeLisle bid for Chappel Dam \$4,600.00. Mike states that there was some rip rap that washed away from the base of the south wing wall. Spicer Group has suggested that we replace it with heavier rip rap. Terry requested bids from 4 people and received only one response from DeLisle for total bid of \$4,600.00 which is less than \$200.00 a ton. Terry let the board know that he contacted Batterbee and went to the Dam with Troy Donn and neither of them has gotten back to him. Mike stated that now we need to find out if the work on the south wing wall has to be completed first. Motion to take the bid from DeLisle and you talk to Shawn and if that concert has to be done first, we will do that and still or if we can just go ahead and put the rip rap on without having to fix the south wing by Ron Taylor. Seconded by Terry Walters. All in favor m/c

Elect a chair – Mike states that when the concept of the Lake Authority was first approached back in 2006 the idea was the Drain Commissioner would be the chair and handle all the paperwork. Then in 2018 that proved not to be a realistic possibility for obvious reasons. Mike was first appointed anadrome delegated authority then the authority was set up as the delegated authority and I became chairman. Last year Terry asked me if I would remain as chairman for a year because he had lots of issues with a couple of drains. Mike agreed to do that but now Terry has indicated that he is able to handle all the administrated duties. Ron would like to say something. He would like to thank you for the work you did it's been a learning experience for everybody I make this motion for thanking you for the work you have did. Motion to allow Drain Commissioner Terry Walter to be the chair of this committee by Ron Taylor. Seconded by Mike Rajt. All in favor m/c.

Rick on the phone agrees with the discession. Mike also stated that Terry doesn't what to be responsible for the day-to-day operations, making sure the weekly inspections done, Mike is volunteering to be the first operations director. Terry will handle the administration stuff. Motion to elect Mike Rajt as the operations director by Terry Walters. Seconded by Ron Taylor. All in favor m/c.

Elect Secretary/Treasurer - Motion to elect Lucy Zeestraten as Secretary/Treasurer for this board by Ron Taylor. Seconded by Mike Rajt. All in favor m/c

Approve the 2022 Budget – Motion to approve the 2022 operational budget by Ron Taylor. Seconded by Mike Rajt. All in favor m/c.

Receive and file financial ledger – Lucy stated that instead of creating a whole new ledger we transferred the remaining balance of \$37,360.75 into Wiggins Lake 056 and deposited the money we received from the select cut that was \$9,311.54 and put it in the Wiggins Lake 823. Mike stated on the Wiggins Lake level they are in the process of \$16,000.00 for the inundation studies that aren't done yet. Lucy stated that she had received some bills that were for the inundation study. The \$2,00.97 and \$1,516.00 are believed to Spicer Group invoices for the inundation study. Lucy stated she would have to check invoices to make sure but they were from Shawn

Middleton. Mike says he sees a mistake. Processive AE is for weed control and should be on the lake improvement ledger. Lucy said she will move the entry from Lake Level to Lake Improvement. Ron asked what the entry for DeLisle for \$3,587.50 was for. Terry answered it was for tearing the building down. The old shed.

Flood map update. Mike states they are preliminaries. Mike stated that the first one that was 1/2PMF breach was like Armageddon. Ron asked if they were done by Spicer and Mike answered this is part of the inundation study. There will be a bunch more. Terry touched on the insurance for the dam. Terry stated that they will cover the dam but will not cover the dirt. Ron stated that he can confirm that. That was the first words after the event 2 years ago. Ron called MMRA and his words were "We don't do dirt". The structure itself and other structures you deal with. have. Ron states I don't know if we want an alternative look at something. That's the biggest cost by far. Mike stated that there really isn't another alternative. No body wants to do them. Mike felt that they were very fair and reasonably with them. Mike stated that if the embankment went away, they would have been SOL.

Mike sated that on old busy is they wouldn't have been able to accomplish what we have accomplished to Chappel Dam in the last 4 years without the hard work of a number of people on the lake. Tom Stack who is leaving the group, Mike Hermann, Rick Dvorak, Mike Bailey, and we have added a bunch of additional people over the last couple of years. Ernie Seebach who is my next-door neighbor, Dave Hawk, Mark Fedewa, Rebecca (Ward) Apollo and Chet Taraskewich. Terry stated they are a super crew. Ron states he wants him to hear it from the county board. That's the type of thing we look for people that, don't get me wrong not everybody does, all you usually hear about is the complaining. It's really nice to see a bunch of people get involved and step up and get done what has to be done. What's to give you and the whole crew a that a boy and told exactly how much they are appreciated. Mike stated that will be mentioned Saturday at the POA board meeting. Mike stated that the driving source behind it all was the property owner's association. Ron stated give them an at a boy too.

Ron asked with all the automation how have the levels? Have we been maintaining to pretty well with the watchful eye we have put into it? Mike Hermann stated oh yeah, its very stable. Mike Rajt stated that the only time it has deviated are the 3 flood weekends. Terry mentions we had a electricity spin there. That didn't affect anything because the generator kicked in. Ron asked how did the dam in Clare County affect us? Mike stated it was hardly anything at all. It was nine acres and fairly shallow, just barely a blimp. Ron said you said Spice Group looked at it and said that it was probably 3 million gallons of water. That sounds like a lot but maybe not. Mike stated at the high water point I think it was the 2nd or 3rd one we were running 10 thousand gallons a second out of the dam. Terry stated that the city has been very happy back and forth, we haven't flooded them, and we haven't been raising and lowering. That was happening in the evening before. Its all ran by the machine now. Ron states that with Bob North, Terry and the different dam operators the communication between them is getting better and better and better. We haven't had a lot of surprises now that we are talking to one another and communicating with how much water is coming and when it's coming. Mike stated that was something Bob set up a couple of weeks before the first of our 3 weekly floods. It worked out pretty well. We are the first ones in line, basically it's us sending a text message downstream. Greg Youl appreciates it the extra warning. He had equipment in the stream bed that would have been flooded and he needed to get out of there. Ron states that's what he's talking about communication. Mike stated that Bob has been instrumental in the help of the whole thing. Mike was able to get ahold of Dave Petterch from the Road Commission to get the 7 truckloads of gravel because if it wasn't for that we would have 1 more empty lake. Mike asked if we had a cyber security coming up? Terry stated most of that was done and Bob was checking into it. Ron stated that with what's going on with Ukraine and Russia the country has been put on high alert. Mike stated that one thing they did right after they got the automation done was isolate the tanner gate from the computer, unless it appears we might need it and, in that case, we would turn the tanner gate on and would allow access to the computer and shut it off as soon as the crises has passed. There was a problem with one of the sensors that failed due to a looses wing nut. Now the sensors are programmed to fail low, so they don't open the tanner gate. If they fail high, then the tanner gate will open. Tom Stack said it should fail safe. There are 10 people that receive alerts including Bob North.

Motion to adjourn by Ron Taylor. Seconded by Mike Rajt. All in favor m/c

Respectfully submitted.
Lucy Zeestraten, Secretary